

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided a system which enables safe network trading of "intangible assets" such as proposals and ideas.

5 In step S4-1, when attempting to browse a members-only WEB pages, the member is prompted to enter his signature. The member enters signature data through use of a handwritten data input pad 16. The thus-entered signature data are supplied from a terminal 14 to a management server 10 by way of the Internet.

10 In step S4-2, the management server 10 compares the thus-entered signature data with authentication signature data that have been registered in advance, thus identifying the member. If in step S4-3 the member has been identified as valid, the member is allowed to browse the members-only WEB pages. In

15 contrast, if the member has been identified as invalid, the member is not allowed to browse the members-only WEB pages (step S4-4). Thus, a member is identified through use of signature data, effectively preventing a malicious third party from pretending to be a member and inviting applications for an idea.

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